

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, WESTERN DIVISION**

**Mediator Information Form for Web Site**

Information provided on 10 / 9 / 02

**Name:** Robert L. Harmon

**Firm:** Retired from Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione at end of 1997

**Address:** 400 East Ohio Street - #2302  
Chicago IL 60611

**Phone:** (312) 943-3475 **Fax:** Same  
**Email:** [ptocexpert@aol.com](mailto:ptocexpert@aol.com)

**Mediation Experience:** No formal mediations, as such. However, I have done a number of ADR procedures, some of which involved application of mediation techniques. Also, I have extensive experience as a special master in patent infringement litigation.

**Training:** Two or three courses (ABA and American Intellectual Property Law Association) in ADR.

**Legal Experience:** 39 years of legal practice; 100% in Federal Court in last 5 years  
Participated in 6-8 mediations as lawyer

**Expertise:** Intellectual property law

**Professional Affiliations:** Illinois and Wisconsin Bars

American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations  
American Intellectual Property Law Association  
Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago  
Federal Circuit Bar Association

**Fees:** My regular fee for consulting, expert witness, and special master work as of January 1, 2003 will be \$500 per hour. However, inasmuch as I enthusiastically support the initiative of the Western Division in establishing this program, I would be willing to compromise my fees. Specifically, I would be willing to charge my time at \$250 for preparation and travel, and \$500 for time actually spent with the parties. I have no minimum charge per mediation.

The parties should understand that I am in Florida from January through April each year. Any face to face meetings during that time would require them to come to me, unless they are willing to pay for my travel time and expense. During the remainder of the year, I can come to Rockford at no charge to the parties.

**Brief Description of Mediation Style:** My background includes 4 decades of experience in patent litigation, numerous complex special master assignments in patent cases, and the authorship of a leading treatise on patent law. I believe this background would establish credibility for my assessment of the strength and weaknesses of the parties' positions and evaluation of the likely outcome. In addition, my own strategy as a litigator was always biased toward reasonable settlement; this was driven largely by the extreme cost and uncertainty of intellectual property litigation. My attitude as a mediator would be, essentially, that there is virtually no case that should not, and cannot, be settled.